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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAMESE ECONOMIC MISSION ARRIVES IN JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 2988 AND PREVIOUS

1. JAPANESE PRESS MARCH 18 AND 19 INDICATES 8 MAN NORTH VIETNAMESE ECONOMIC MISSION HEADED BY TRAN VAN THANH, DIRECTOR OF FIRST ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY, ARRIVED TOKYO MARCH 18 FOR TALKS CONCERNING JAPAN'S AID TO NORTH VIETNAM AND WAYS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MISSION WILL HOLD TALKS WITH FONOFF ASIAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN TAKASHIMA QTE AND OTHERS UNQTE DURING STAY.

2. REPORTEDLY, 5 BILLION YEN (17.5 MILLION DOLLARS AT 285 YEN/DOLLAR) GRANT AID ALREADY PROMISED (REFTELS) MAY BE FORMALLY COMMITTED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL NOTE EXCHANGE DURING MISSION'S STAY. THIS AID, REPORTEDLY, WILL BE USED FOR COMMODITIES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. SOME NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS REFER TO QTE GENERAL AGREEMENT UNQTE OR QTE UNDERSTANDING UNQTE THAT GOJ WILL ULTIMATELY
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PROVIDE AID TO NORTH VIETNAM AT LEAST EQUAL TO REPARA-

TIONS EARLIER PAID TO SOUTH VIETNAM (REPORTEDLY 39
MILLION DOLLARS).

3. FONOFF REP (HANABUSA, DIRECTOR, FIRST SOUTHEAST
ASIA DIVISION) WHO INFORMED EMBASSY IN ADVANCE OF
MISSION'S ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL AND IS INVOLVED WITH VISIT
HAS PROMISED TO BRIEF US ON RESULTS.
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